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[redacted] a two-page Danish report [redacted]
[redacted] concerning ships observed at Warnemuende and
Soviet troops being trained there.

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1. 1. 2 East German minesweepers of the large type 25X1
these ships now are permanently stationed in Warnemünde and are described as minesweepers. Later in the day one of the ship sailed towards Rostock for bunkers and stores. 25X1

2. 2. a Russian 3000 tons ship came 25X1
from Rostock and went to sea. 25X1
The ship was painted light gray. 2 masts, 1 stack. "drowning hole" on the fore deck. 2 motorboats on the fore deck. 25X1

3. 3. On the same day a Russian tug towing a pontoon came and went to sea. The pontoon was of the type that is used for raising wrecks. 25X1

4. 4. JURY DOLGOYNU and ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV are lying in the shipyard basin. 25X1

2. 2. Russian soldiers were training on the eastern bank of the river 25X1
across from Wendebecken. 25X1
the soldiers march "back and forth" and several of the boats were being rowed. 25X1
they had trained every evening recently. 25X1

3. 3. 1. the discipline of the guard 25X1
soldiers and the control commission had been tightened again. They were not as willing to talk or receive cigarettes or drinks any more. 25X1

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2.

the Russians had given [redacted] an ultimatum to withdraw from Hungary; otherwise there would be war. In the evening the guards had helped [redacted] to steal briquettes from a pile lying on the pier. 25X1

[redacted] They explained their helplessness by saying that it was a shame that there was such poverty [redacted] when they had so much in East Germany. 25X1 One of the soldiers got a hold of a wheel-barrow so it would go faster.

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There was talk to the effect that the two new minesweepers [redacted] should be used for laying mines in [redacted] waters in case of war. 25X1

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Re 1.1. The ships are East German so-called MLR ships. arranged both for mine-laying and minesweeping. They are 600 tons. 25X1 [redacted] units of the East German navy were going to be stationed in Warnemünde. Only two "Grenzschütz" ships have had base here previously.

Re 1.2. The ship is a so-called "Brandwachen," built at the Neptun shipyard in Rostock. These ships are built with room for a "crew" of 350 men and are thought to be intended as submarine mother ships. 25X1

Re 1.3.

Re 3.2. The soldiers' belief that there are American soldiers in Hungary is an example of how little the East German soldiers know about what is taking place outside their own field.

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